

IOWA COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING July 20, 2018

Members Present:

Cassandra Bond (Cassie)	Tim Fitzgibbon
Rachael Johnson	Katie Mulholland
Mark Putnam	Doug Shull
Barbara Sloniker	Emily Stork
Cindy Winckler	

Members Absent:

Michael Ash	Manny Atwood
Cecil Dolecheck	Jeff Edler
Herman Quirnbach	Jeremy Varner

Staff Present:

Samita Basnet	Todd Brown
Jennifer Christensen	Karen Misjak
Julie Ntem	Christina Sibaouih
Carolyn Small	Ashley Wendt

AG Present:

Emily Willits

Guests Present:

Gary Adams	Iowa Student Loan
Angela Carlson	Capri College
Robin Madison	LSA

Call to Order

The Iowa College Student Aid Commission met for a regularly scheduled meeting on July 20, 2018 via Zoom conference call. Commission Vice-Chair Mulholland called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with introductions.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Misjak informed the Commission the Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness Program would continue to make awards for two more years. This program is being phased out but the Commission will continue to fulfill our obligations to the teachers renewing existing awards. In code, the Commission is not allowed to award to any new teachers and will only award to teachers who received awards previously as they apply.

Ms. Misjak shared GEAR UP Iowa staff just returned from the National Conference in Washington, D.C. Four students and their coaches from four different high schools in Iowa also attended the conference. Ms. Misjak said the students participated in a Youth Leadership Summit. This program was very intense and exciting for students. GEAR UP Iowa staff presented at three different breakout sessions showing what is being done in Iowa. Ms. Misjak indicated this conference is very uplifting and motivating. Over 200 students and 1,500 professionals attend from across the country. Ms. Misjak said it is exciting to see the impact GEAR UP has on students across the country and hear all the good things happening in other states.

Ms. Misjak announced a new partnership between GEAR UP Iowa and the Des Moines Downtown Chamber. This is an effort to connect GEAR UP Iowa students to business. The Downtown Chamber partners with employers who will provide students experiences via job shadows, internships, apprenticeships and other career activities. Ms. Misjak stated this partnership allows the Commission to provide students more career exploration opportunities.

Ms. Misjak said staff continues to expand and improve the Course to College program. For the next school year, our 5-step Process allows schools to participate at two different levels. Partner Site schools are provided marketing materials and support from our team in exchange for data and feedback on student participation and success. This allows staff to analyze program success and identify improvements. Participation Sites receive marketing materials but are not required to provide data in return.

Ms. Misjak shared the Course to College Corps has entered its second year. Staff is in the process of recruiting AmeriCorps members for the 2018-19 service year and feels the direct services provided to students and families are making a difference. Ms. Misjak said

staff is tracking the interactions and services the Corps members provide as required by the federal grant. These students will be tracked throughout their college years to see if they complete their degrees.

Ms. Misjak shared the newly established Iowa College and Career Readiness Academy, previously called Go Alliance, is focused on providing an Iowa specific course of study for multiple constituents working in the college and career readiness sector. Staff is working with AEAs and counselors to develop the curriculum. Ms. Misjak stated the Iowa Department of Education is aware of this initiative and is helping get the word out to counselors and others interested in these courses. The Academy will offer a core suite of five courses and two certificates to ensure teachers and counselors are certified and trained in college and career readiness.

Ms. Misjak shared Commissioner Sloniker is part of the Local College Access Network (LCAN) in Sioux City.

Minutes of Meeting

Motion: Commissioner Shull moved to approve the meeting minutes for the May 18, 2018 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Administrative Rules

Mr. Brown explained there are four administrative rules before the Commission. All four correspond to legislative action that took place during the 2018 Legislative Session.

Mr. Brown introduced the first recommended action as a proposed amendment to Administrative Rules Chapter 8, "All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship." This rule is a notice of intended action to add eligible surviving child students as the second funding priority to the All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship. Mr. Brown stated eligible surviving child students are generally children of public safety workers who were killed in the line of duty. This rule adds a definition of who these students are and adds them as the second funding priority in the program. The rule amendment simply reflects amendments made to Iowa Code during the 2018 Legislative Session.

Motion: Commissioner Johnson moved to adopt amendments to Administrative Rules Chapter 8, "All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship". Commissioner Shull seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Brown said the second recommended action is to propose new Administrative Rules Chapter 26, "Health Care Loan Repayment Program." Mr. Brown announced this action creates a new program from the consolidation of two programs the Commission administered. Those programs were the Registered Nurse and Nurse Educator Loan Forgiveness Program and the Rural Iowa Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner and Physician Assistant Loan Repayment Program. The "Health Care Loan Repayment Program" incorporates all four of those professions and requires recipients to work full-time in rural Iowa in order to receive up to \$6000 in loan repayment benefit for five consecutive years. Mr. Brown shared there has been feedback from lobbyists for the Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, Physician Assistants, the Executive Director of the Iowa Board of Nursing and the Iowa National Guard. Staff has incorporated their comments into these rules.

Motion: Commissioner Johnson moved to propose new Administrative Rules Chapter 26 "Health Care Loan Repayment Program." Commissioner Fitzgibbon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Brown said recommended action on the third rule is proposed amendments to Administrative Rules Chapter 20 "Iowa National Guard Educational Assistance Program." This amendment requires applicants for the Iowa National Guard Educational Assistance Program to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The rule amendment reflects statutory requirements passed during the 2018 Legislative Session.

Motion: Commissioner Sloniker moved to propose amendments to Administrative Rules Chapter 20 "Iowa National Guard Educational Assistance Program." Commissioner Stork seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Brown introduced recommended action on the fourth rule as proposed amendments to Administrative Rules Chapter 25 "Rural Iowa Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner and Physician Assistant Loan Repayment Program." This rule is a notice of intended action reflecting changes made to the program during the 2018 Legislative Session as this program is being phased out as of July 1, 2023. Mr. Brown explained the amendment strikes part-time service and postponement provisions for any new individuals coming in to this program in order to align service requirements with the repeal date.

Motion: Commissioner Shull moved to propose amendments to Administrative Rules Chapter 25 "Rural Iowa Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner and Physician Assistant Loan Repayment Program."

Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

GEAR UP Trust Disbursement

Mr. Brown introduced recommended action to authorize staff to draw down up to \$20,000 from the Bankers Trust GEAR UP 2.0 Scholarship account for scholarships for GEAR UP 2.0 early high school graduates attending college in 2018-19. Mr. Brown explained the 2018-19 academic year marks the junior year for the GEAR UP Iowa cohort. A handful of students will be graduating early and will likely be attending college as early as the 2018-19 academic year. This request provides full awards for up to 11 GEAR UP Iowa students who graduate early.

Motion: Commissioner Fitzgibbon moved to authorize staff to draw down up to \$20,000 from the Bankers Trust GEAR UP Iowa 2.0 Scholarship account for GEAR UP Iowa 2.0 early high school graduates attending college in 2018-19. Commissioner Shull seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Johnson abstained from the vote.

Human Resources and Nominations Committee

Motion: Commissioner Johnson moved to authorize Dr. Katie Mulholland as Chair of the Commission for Fiscal Year 2019 and Commissioner Doug Shull as Vice Chair of the Commission for Fiscal Year 2019. Commissioner Fitzgibbon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the Committee recommendations for the Audit and Finance Committee, Human Resources and Nominations Committee, Legislative Action Committee and Board Structure Sub-Committee as presented in the board book. Commissioner Fitzgibbon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the appointments of Mark Wiederspan as Delegate and Karen Misjak as an Alternative Delegate for the Iowa Coordinating Council for Post-High School Education, and Todd Brown as a Commissioner Alternate for the Midwest Higher Education Compact. Commissioner Shull seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Audit and Finance Committee

Commissioner Fitzgibbon reported the Audit and Finance Committee met on July 19, 2018. The discussion was an update from Ms. Misjak associated with the move to 475 SW Fifth Street.

Motion: Commissioner Fitzgibbon moved to approve an additional \$80,000 for the move. Commissioner Putnam seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Fitzgibbon mentioned the Audit and Finance Committee briefly discussed updated Fiscal Year 2017 status. Final documents will be available by the end of September.

Legislative Committee

Mr. Brown indicated the Administrative Rules were the entirety of the Legislative Committee report and there were no additional updates.

Staff Report

Ms. Small provided a report on Postsecondary Registration Approvals as well as Exemption and SARA approvals, and provided a list of Exemption Applications currently under review. Ms. Small reported the lists are long due to this being the second anniversary of SARA access for Iowa schools.

Ms. Small said Postsecondary Registration is still working with dozens of unaccredited, non-degree granting vocational schools since the enactment of a law in early 2016 requiring these institutions to apply for exemption from registration.

Ms. Small also shared pending changes of ownership, control and/or governance for several institutions. As a reminder, Purdue University Global was created in an unprecedented event where a large for-profit national university (Kaplan) was acquired by a large, nationally renowned public university (Purdue). Staff approved the initial authorization to operate in Iowa. Going forward, Purdue University Global will be required to register here every two years as long as they have campuses in Iowa or serve Iowa students through distance education.

Ms. Small said the majority of the registration approvals list is Iowa schools. Private non-profit Iowa schools are not required to register. In late 2015, prior to the establishment of administrative rules creating the process for Iowa school approvals, several private non-

profit Iowa schools and one community college chose to register voluntarily in Iowa to gain early access to SARA approval. Ms. Small also shared Massachusetts has recently enacted SARA and the Commission has essentially lost the ability to regulate Simmons College from this point.

Ms. Small indicated Vatterott College registration was terminated. Vatterott had ceased all instruction and operational activity after graduating the last two Des Moines campus-based students on June 8, 2018.

Ms. Small shared she has noticed a continuing trend of for-profit schools experiencing financial issues turning to investors or selling to buyers. In the last year, seven for-profit schools registered in Iowa either have announced acquisition plans or are in the process of completing an acquisition. Occasionally, these changes of ownership result in a change in governance. For example, EDMC schools (South University) was a for-profit institution purchased by Dream Center Education Holdings, a private non-profit organization. Another example is the purchase of Kaplan University by Purdue University. Five other schools have announced acquisition plans: DeVry University, Ashford University, University of Augustine, Northcentral University, and Kendall College. In Iowa, acquisitions and changes of control or governance are treated as a brand-new school.

Ms. Basnet provided an update on the FY 2018 year-to-date financials. Hold Open extends through September 15. Final FY 2018 numbers will be available for the September Commission meeting.

Commissioner Comments

Representative Winckler asked the Commission to consider sending a letter to the Legislative Council or Executive Council informing them that moving costs are not covered by the State and are being paid out of an operating fund designed to support students and families with college going activities. Commissioner Mulholland offered thanks and indicated the suggestion required additional conversation on the pros and cons of taking this type of action.

Commissioner Mulholland noted the Future Ready Iowa Regional Summit dates across the state start September 21. Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

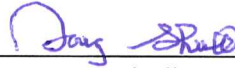
Commissioner Mulholland asked Commissioners to remember the September meeting will likely be an extended meeting due to the need to consider future goals, including action items from the NCHEMS report and Legislative Initiatives coming due on October 1, 2018.

Commissioner Mulholland explained Janet Adams was not reappointed for an additional term. A reception for Ms. Adams is being planned to recognize her for 16 years of service and leadership.

Adjourned at 11:15 a.m.



Katie Mulholland, Chair



Doug Shull, Vice Chair